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Pharmaceutical Preparations and Method for Preparing the Same

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in the above-captioned application in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on May 6, 2002. A two-month extension in which to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition and Fee for extending the response period two months, up to and including October 6, 2002 is enclosed. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-8 and 12 as shown in the enclosed pages. A marked version of the claims showing the changes made is also enclosed.

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